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Ballina, on the Richmond River, a town distant about 60 miles from Ulmarra. The case was visited by the assistant medical officer of the Government in charge of the outbreak on the Clarence on Saturday, and reported to be plague. The patient has been isolated and all precautions have been taken to prevent spread of infection. A sanitary inspector and gang of ratcatchers have been dispatched to Ballina; the municipality has been declared infected, and steps have been taken to prevent export of infected merchandise therefrom.

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Infected rats have been found at 3 premises on the Clarence River since the 4th instant.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary*.

Report from Newcastle—Plague.

The following is received from the Department of State, under date of March 28:

A telegram of the 27th instant has been received from the consul at Newcastle, Australia, reporting the presence of plague at that port.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Reports from Fiume—Inspection of emigrants.

Consular Agent La Guardia reports, March 3 and 17, as follows:

Steamship *Slavonia* sailed March 2 for New York; inspected and passed 1,871 steerage passengers, rejected at final inspection, 7; inspected and labeled 2,300 small and 28 large pieces of baggage, disinfected 8 pieces, containing used feathers and bedding.

March 17.—Steamship *Pannonia*, sailed March 16 for New York; inspected and passed 1,754 steerage passengers; rejected at final inspection, 32; inspected and labeled 2,000 pieces small and 30 pieces large baggage; disinfected, 10 pieces.

Report from Trieste—Inspection of emigrants.

Consul Hossfeld reports, March 14, as follows:

The Cunard steamship *Pannonia* left this port on March 13, bound for New York, via Fiume and Palermo.

The number of steerage passengers embarked was 202; at the final inspection 7 were rejected. The baggage of all the emigrants, consisting of 221 pieces, was disinfected.

CHINA.

Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, March 7, as follows:

During the week ended February 18, 1905, there were inspected 3 vessels, 138 crew, and 1 steerage passenger. To passengers and crew destined to American ports, 88 certificates of vaccination were issued. Manifests were viséed for 7,364 pieces of freight, and the effects of 5